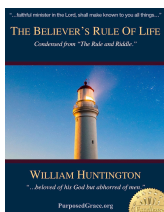


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BE STILL

“BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD: I WILL BE EXALTED AMONG THE HEATHEN,
I WILL BE EXALTED IN THE EARTH.” (PSALM 46:10)

The God of the bible is out of fashion in His own world. He is ridiculed, jokes are popular about Him and His Son. He has been reduced to slogans and billboards and bumper stickers. His name has become a good luck charm, an insurance policy and whatever people need Him to be at any given time.

Being a Christian now is just claiming you are one. It doesn't matter if you are living with someone without being married, a homosexual, drunkard or drug addict. You can attend a “church” and be received as you are and you won't ever have your sin mentioned because god is love after all, and we aren't to “judge”. Preachers use God's name to lie to people, to manipulate them, entertain them and say, “Give god a big handclap”, “God show up and show out”.

Rebellion is in style from Main Street to the back streets and alleys and in the pulpits across our country, women and homosexuals are popular as preachers.

But I do know what God said, “*Be still and know that I am God, I will be exalted in the earth*” (PSALM 46:10).

There will come a time when everyone who has *been* and is *now* on this earth will know God as He is! [ISAIAH 45:23, ROM 14:11, PHIL 2:10]

He will be exalted on this earth; every one will know His power, see His glory and experience His justice.

Every rebel, every lying preacher, every one who used Him as an insurance policy or fire escape from hell and took His Holy Name in vain will have their mouths stopped as they experience His power and justice when He confines them to an everlasting hell.

I also know that when He is exalted in the earth, and brings judgment it will not change anyones nature or view of God. If God doesn't change your nature here where you know Him as He is and delight in Him as He is, death will not change a soul's nature.

We who know that He is God and beside Him there is none else are still and find rest and peace in Him.

PASTOR DONNIE BELL

WAIT ON THE LORD, AND HE SHALL SAVE THEE

"SAY NOT THOU, I WILL RECOMPENSE EVIL; BUT WAIT ON THE LORD,
AND HE SHALL SAVE THEE." (PROVERBS 20:22)

In so many blessed places in the Scriptures, our Heavenly Father comforts His people by setting forth our blessed Lord and Savior as the God who *'shall save'* His people. The Wisdom of God very blessedly instructs us ***"Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the LORD, and He shall save thee"*** (PROVERBS 20:22).

Friend, don't try to fix it! Don't try to get things right with God before you come to Christ, you never will. There is only one who can recompense for all the *evil* you are, there is only One who can repay! Wait on the Lord Jesus Christ and He shall save thee, for He paid it all!

Our Lord declares, ***"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"*** (LUKE 11:13) Do you object to His saying of you, that you are indeed *'evil'*? The Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to save those who were yet *'evil'* sinners [1 TIMOTHY 1:15, ROMANS 5:8]. If God has not taught you, as yet, that you are indeed *'evil'*, I fear that you are (even as you read this) without Christ.

This unbelieving world hates the Lord's testimony, but oh how I love Him for it! If He had not shown me that I am an evil sinner, I would never have come to Him to recompense for all the evil I am, and wait on Him to save me.

Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ is the one that does not fall short of the glory of God. He is the one who gives His own glory to those who have given up pretending to have their own. Our Lord declared to our Heavenly Father ***"...the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one."***

Friend, believe on the Lord, wait on the Lord Jesus Christ and He shall save thee. AMEN! (PROVERBS 20:22)

PASTOR

LET YOUR SPEECH BE ALWAYS WITH GRACE

“LET YOUR SPEECH BE ALWAYS WITH GRACE, SEASONED WITH SALT, THAT YE MAY KNOW HOW YE OUGHT TO ANSWER EVERY MAN.” (COLOSSIANS 4:6)

This is not just to talk about the grace of God, but our speech should reveal the grace of God.

1. Speak the truth faithfully and sincerely, without lying, flattery, or exaggeration.

[Beloved, “...*putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.*” (EPHESIANS 4:25)]

2. Speak in love, avoiding gossip, whisperings, or anything that is injurious to the character of another. Avoid sowing discord or division.

[Beloved, “...*speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.*” (EPHESIANS 4:15)]

3. Speak kindly and pleasantly. Hard words reveal a hard heart. Unkind, cutting remarks reveal a bitter spirit.

[Beloved, “...*be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*” (EPHESIANS 4:32)]

Grace is to the speech what salt is to meat. It makes it acceptable, good to the ear and a blessing to the heart. Grace in the heart will teach you how you ought to answer any person. Knowledge [Grace] is not acquired by speaking, but it ought to go before it.

PASTOR HENRY MAHAN

GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

“...THEY COULD NOT ENTER IN BECAUSE OF UNBELIEF.” (HEBREWS 3:19)

[Beloved], recollect what the apostle saith on this sin of Israel: they could not enter in because of unbelief, Hebrews 3:19. ...The whole wandering of the people forty years in the wilderness, instead of immediately entering into Canaan when they came out of Egypt, and were so near to it, arose wholly from their distrust and disbelief of GOD'S promises. So very awful a thing is it to question or doubt the divine faithfulness. Reader! ...pause over this view of the subject. Observe, it was not the breach of any particular command; it was not the commission of this or that particular sin, for which the LORD sentenced his people to wander in the wilderness; but it was simply their unbelief. It was the same dreadful malignity [evil] of mind, which in the gospel is threatened with everlasting exclusion from the heavenly Canaan. For “*he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son*” maketh GOD a liar (1 JOHN 5:10); and we are awfully told, that “*the wrath of GOD abideth upon him*” (JOHN 3:36). Oh! for the grace of faith to give due credit to a most faithful covenant GOD in CHRIST (REVELATION 5:9).

PASTOR ROBERT HAWKER